

**Amendments to the Specification :**

Please replace the section entitled "Brief Description of the Figures" beginning on page 11, line 19 and ending on page 12, line 21, with the following rewritten section:

**Brief Description of the Figures**

Fig. 1a, Fig. 1b, Fig. 1c, and Fig 1d ~~illustrate~~ illustrates the primers (SEQ ID NOS: 1-64) used in the sequencing of the lysozyme gene expression control region (SEQ ID NO: 67).

Fig. 2 schematically illustrates the approximately 12 kb lysozyme gene expression control region (SEQ ID NO: 67), indicating the relative positions and orientations of the primers (SEQ ID NOS: 1-64) used in the sequencing thereof.

Fig. 3a, Fig. 3b, Fig. 3c and Fig. 3d ~~illustrate~~ illustrates the nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 65) comprising the chicken lysozyme gene expression control region (SEQ ID NO: 67), the nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 66 encoding the chicken expression optimized human interferon  $\alpha$ 2b (IFNMAGMAX) which is underlined in the figures and the SV40 polyadenylation signal sequence (SEQ ID NO: 68) which is in bold print in the figures.

Fig. 4 illustrates the nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 66 encoding the chicken expression optimized human interferon  $\alpha$ 2b (IFNMAGMAX).

Fig. 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d ~~illustrate~~ illustrates the nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 67 encoding the chicken lysozyme gene expression control region.

Fig. 6 illustrates the nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 68 encoding the SV40 polyadenylation signal sequence.

Fig. 7 illustrates the yield of the chicken expression optimized human interferon  $\alpha$ 2b (IFNMAGMAX) in transfected quail oviduct cultured cells.